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Title: RECORD CARRIER OF THE OPTICAL TYPE AND A DEVICE FOR
RECORDING AND/OR PLAYBACK FOR USE WITH SUCH A RECORD CARRIER

Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please
amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 4, 5 and 8 to be in the form as follows.

A marked up copy of the claims is included in an appendix following
this amendment for the Examiners convenience.

4. Record carrier according to claim 2, wherein the address
codes (AC) are represented by an absolute playback time (ATIP)
relative to the start of the lead-in area (LI), characterized in
that, the extended information area (XAA) precedes the start of the
lead-in area (LI) by approximately 1 minute absolute playback time
(ATIP).

5. Record carrier according to claim 1, wherein the sequence
of address codes (AC) and special codes (SC) comprise a periodic

pattern of address codes and special codes characterized in that, the pattern in the lead-in area (LI) has a predetermined positional relationship with respect to a predetermined reference address.

8. Device for recording to and/or playback of a record carrier of the inscribable type as claimed in claim 5, the device comprising

- reading means for the reading the information recorded on the record carrier and
- recording means for recording the record carrier in accordance with a recording process, the reading means comprising
 - means to read the auxiliary signal recorded on the record carrier,
 - selecting means for extracting the special codes and the address codes from the auxiliary signal,
 - control means for controlling the recording process, characterized in that, the control means are adapted to determine the predetermined positional relationship of the periodic pattern of address codes (AC) and special codes (SC) and to read the extended area (XAA) on the record carrier upon detecting the predetermined positional relationship.

REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment to the claims was made solely to avoid filing the claims in the multiple dependant form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicants respectfully reserves all rights they may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicants furthermore reserves their right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX A

4. Record carrier according to claim 2 ~~or 3~~, wherein the address codes (AC) are represented by an absolute playback time (ATIP) relative to the start of the lead-in area (LI), characterized in that, the extended information area (XAA) precedes the start of the lead-in area (LI) by approximately 1 minute absolute playback time (ATIP).

5. Record carrier according to ~~one of the claims 1—4~~ claim 1, wherein the sequence of address codes (AC) and special codes (SC) comprise a periodic pattern of address codes and special codes characterized in that, the pattern in the lead-in area (LI) has a predetermined positional relationship with respect to a predetermined reference address.

8. Device for recording to and/or playback of a record carrier of the inscribable type as claimed in ~~any one of the claims 5—7~~ claim 5, the device comprising

- reading means for the reading the information recorded on the record carrier and
- recording means for recording the record carrier in accordance with a recording process, the reading means comprising

- means to read the auxiliary signal recorded on the record carrier,
- selecting means for extracting the special codes and the address codes from the auxiliary signal,
- control means for controlling the recording process, characterized in that, the control means are adapted to determine the predetermined positional relationship of the periodic pattern of address codes (AC) and special codes (SC) and to read the extended area (XAA) on the record carrier upon detecting the predetermined positional relationship.